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In Re Patent Application of :  
**Anguel Nikolov et al** : Group Art Unit: 2872  
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For: Precision Phase Retardation Devices And Method Of Making Same

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Dear Sir:

Response to the Office Action mailed October 1, 2004 in the above-identified patent application, which was assigned a shortened statutory period that was set to expire January 1, 2005, is enclosed. A request for a Three-Month Extension of Time is filed herewith extending the time for filing a response to the Office Action to April 1, 2005. Accordingly, the present Amendment and Response is deemed to be timely filed. Should there be any fees due and owing, or being paid in excess of any required amount, with respect to this application, the Examiner is authorized to charge such fees or to credit such overpayment to deposit account no. 18-0586.

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